

REMARKS

The present application is a Rule 53(b) continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/718,474, filed November 24, 2000, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/632,526, filed April 15, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,169,530, issued January 2, 2001).

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with the continuation application papers. In the Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has cancelled original Claims 1 to 18 in favor of newly presented Claims 19 to 21. Claim 19 is the only independent claim.

In formal matters, the specification has been amended as to matters of form, including English spelling, grammar, idiom, syntax and the like, as previously entered in parent Application No. 09/718,474. No new matter has been added.


By separate paper filed concurrently herewith, Applicants have submitted an Information Disclosure Statement citing the art of record in parent Application No. 09/718,474.

Applicants submit that the present Rule 53 (b) Continuation Application is in allowable form.

Favorable consideration of the application and early passage to issue respectfully are requested.

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